



Briefing Report
General Delinquency Referral Update
(2010-11 vs. 2011-12)
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Issue:

This briefing report summarizes the results of a preliminary analysis comparing delinquency throughout Florida during the first eight months of FY 2011-12 to the same eight-month period in FY 2010-11. Referral trends are shown by county and offense type. This document is a briefing sheet and is not intended to represent a comprehensive or definitive study of delinquency in Florida. Official statistics for FY 2011-12 will be released in the Delinquency Profile (October, 2012).

Methodology:

All of the data presented in this briefing sheet was derived from the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) and analyzed by the Bureau of Research and Planning. The methods used to generate the attached figures are identical to those used to develop the data provided within the Electronic Delinquency Profile, which can be found on the Department's research Web site:

http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Research/Delinquency_Profile/index.html

For the purposes of this analysis, delinquency referrals are reported. A delinquency referral represents a case referred to the Department for an act of delinquency. Because some youth committed multiple offenses during the study period, some youth are represented more than once in the data presented. For each unique referral, the most serious charge associated with that referral is presented. For example, if a youth is taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault and resisting arrest without violence, the more serious charge of aggravated assault would be captured in this data.

Highlighted Results:

Overall, between the first eight months of FY 2010-11 and the first eight months of FY 2011-12, delinquency referrals declined in all major categories. Specifically:

- Felony referrals declined by -6%.
- Misdemeanor referrals declined by -13%.
- "Other" referrals declined by -10%.
- Overall delinquency declined in 50 of 67 counties.
- Almost half (47%) of the delinquency referrals received by DJJ during FY 2011-12 were for misdemeanor offenses.

- Violent felony referrals declined, continuing a multi-year trend.
- There was a general increase in property-related offenses.
- Referrals for narcotics possession and distribution continue to see substantial declines.

Supplemental Data:

The following pages provide detailed charts and tables by county. These tables represent delinquency referrals received by the Department and not individual youth. Some youth were referred to the Department more than once during the study period.

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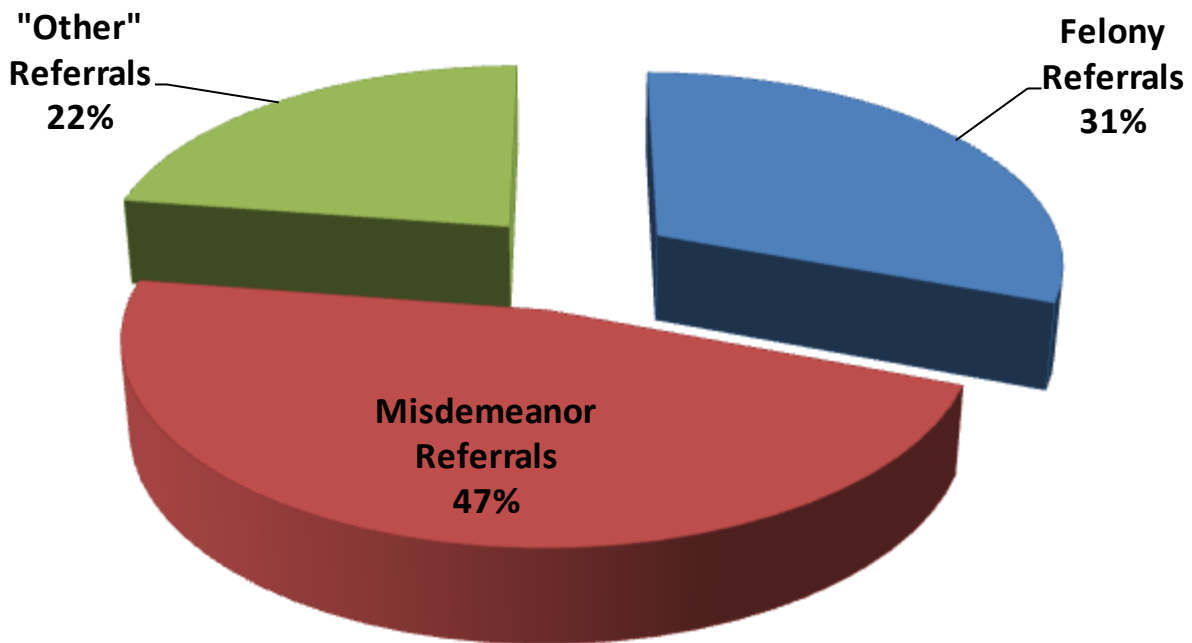
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**Table I. Comparison of Offenses by Charge Category
Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 (Through February)**

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2010-11	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Difference	% Change
Felony Referrals	20,460	19,302	-1,158	-6%
Misdemeanor Referrals	33,598	29,373	-4,225	-13%
"Other" Referrals	15,783	14,238	-1,545	-10%
Sum of Total	69,841	62,913	-6,928	-10%

**Delinquency in Florida by Offense Seriousness
(FY 2011-12 - Preliminary)**



**Table II. Comparison of Felony Offenses by Charge
Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 (Through February)**

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2010-11	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Difference	% Change
<i>Murder/Manslaughter</i> ¹	50	46	-4	-8%
<i>Attempted Murder</i> ¹	30	22	-8	-27%
Sexual Battery	345	321	-24	-7%
Other Felony Sex Offenses	475	492	17	4%
Armed Robbery	513	505	-8	-2%
Other Robbery	801	776	-25	-3%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	4,125	3,659	-466	-11%
Arson	139	113	-26	-19%
Burglary	7,075	6,725	-350	-5%
Auto Theft	854	815	-39	-5%
Grand Larceny	1,592	1,815	223	14%
Dealing in Stolen Property	163	179	16	10%
Carry Concealed Firearm	186	210	24	13%
Forgery	131	124	-7	-5%
Non-Marijuana Drug Felony	1,096	845	-251	-23%
Marijuana Felony	639	582	-57	-9%
<i>Escape</i> ¹	37	24	-13	-35%
Resisting Arrest w/ Violence	177	178	1	1%
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile	258	242	-16	-6%
<i>Felony Traffic Offense</i> ¹	83	82	-1	-1%
Other Felony	1,691	1,547	-144	-9%
Sum of Total	20,460	19,302	-1,158	-6%

¹ indicates that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Table III. Comparison of Misdemeanor Offenses by Charge Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 (Through February)

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2010-11	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Difference	% Change
Misdemeanor Assault/Battery	9,787	8,742	-1,045	-11%
<i>Prostitution</i> ¹	30	21	-9	-30%
<i>Other Misdemeanor Sex Offenses</i> ¹	55	47	-8	-15%
Petit Theft	8,668	7,194	-1,474	-17%
Shoplifting	225	244	19	8%
<i>Dealing in Stolen Property</i> ¹	13	18	5	38%
Carry Concealed Weapon	195	126	-69	-35%
Disorderly Conduct	2,293	1,864	-429	-19%
Vandalism	1,085	1,014	-71	-7%
Trespassing	1,621	1,320	-301	-19%
Loitering/Prowling	776	810	34	4%
Marijuana Misdemeanor	4,280	3,908	-372	-9%
<i>Non-Marijuana Misdemeanor Drug</i> ¹	60	38	-22	-37%
Drug Paraphernalia	586	647	61	10%
Possession of Alcohol	567	487	-80	-14%
<i>Other Alcohol Misdemeanor</i> ¹	38	17	-21	-55%
<i>Violation of Fish/Game Laws</i> ¹	66	46	-20	-30%
Resisting Arrest Without Violence	2,572	2,252	-320	-12%
Other Misdemeanor	681	578	-103	-15%
Sum of Total	33,598	29,373	-4,122	-12%

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**Table IV. Comparison of Other Offenses by Charge
Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 (Through February)**

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2010-11	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Difference	% Change
Contempt of Court	1,301	1,124	-177	-14%
<i>Violation of Local Ordinance</i> ¹	20	29	9	45%
<i>Other Traffic Offenses</i> ¹	15	10	-5	-33%
Interstate Compact	263	305	42	16%
Violation of Probation	8,353	7,172	-1,181	-14%
Violation of Conditional Release	117	228	111	95%
Referral Previously Deferred by SAO	4,262	3,878	-384	-9%
Transfer of Disposition from Other County	1,452	1,492	40	3%
Sum of Total	15,783	14,238	-1,545	-10%

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**Table V. Changes In Delinquency Referrals by County
Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12 (Through February)**

County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals	County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals
ALACHUA	-5%	1%	-4%	-2%	LAKE	4%	-11%	-2%	-5%
BAKER	-26%	-13%	27%	-13%	LEE	4%	-3%	-4%	-1%
BAY	11%	16%	-29%	3%	LEON	-5%	-38%	10%	-21%
BRADFORD ¹	-7%	-14%	-37%	-16%	LEVY	-28%	-39%	-44%	-36%
BREVARD	-7%	-18%	-19%	-15%	LIBERTY ¹	-14%	-57%	-100%	-59%
BROWARD	-6%	-17%	-6%	-11%	MADISON ¹	-13%	5%	56%	5%
CALHOUN ¹	0%	-21%	125%	8%	MANATEE	-22%	-12%	-1%	-11%
CHARLOTTE	3%	13%	-11%	4%	MARION	-4%	-9%	-13%	-8%
CITRUS	-2%	-24%	-17%	-15%	MARTIN	-29%	-12%	2%	-13%
CLAY	-10%	-1%	28%	3%	MONROE	-6%	-54%	-53%	-41%
COLLIER	-5%	-21%	9%	-12%	NASSAU	-11%	-8%	-15%	-11%
COLUMBIA	5%	-14%	2%	-5%	OKALOOSA	17%	-30%	-30%	-21%
DADE	-3%	-41%	-31%	-26%	OKEECHOBEE	-30%	-7%	-14%	-17%
DESOTO	-49%	-16%	-17%	-28%	ORANGE	4%	-6%	-17%	-8%
DIXIE ¹	-55%	-56%	-88%	-63%	OSCEOLA	-23%	-12%	-15%	-15%
DUVAL	-6%	-4%	-1%	-4%	PALM BEACH	11%	-2%	-15%	-1%
ESCAMBIA	0%	18%	-22%	-1%	PASCO	-2%	-4%	8%	-1%
FLAGLER	-17%	8%	3%	1%	PINELLAS	-1%	-11%	-7%	-7%
FRANKLIN ¹	100%	5%	-44%	8%	POLK	-7%	6%	9%	4%
GADSDEN	2%	-6%	30%	3%	PUTNAM	-24%	-14%	-4%	-17%
GILCHRIST ¹	0%	-43%	-29%	-30%	ST. JOHNS	19%	-24%	-25%	-13%
GLADES ¹	167%	71%	-57%	35%	ST. LUCIE	-14%	-15%	2%	-11%
GULF ¹	40%	-11%	-18%	0%	SANTA ROSA	-6%	-2%	-17%	-7%
HAMILTON ¹	33%	58%	-79%	0%	SARASOTA	12%	-24%	2%	-10%
HARDEE	-3%	-8%	-15%	-9%	SEMINOLE	14%	-13%	34%	2%
HENDRY	-24%	14%	59%	6%	SUMTER	13%	-40%	-44%	-27%
HERNANDO	-27%	-1%	-5%	-11%	SUWANNEE	-19%	-10%	-46%	-19%
HIGHLANDS	-3%	11%	-20%	-3%	TAYLOR ¹	31%	-47%	0%	-19%
HILLSBOROUGH	-13%	-18%	8%	-12%	UNION ¹	28%	-8%	33%	10%
HOLMES ¹	-9%	47%	8%	18%	VOLUSIA	-22%	-3%	-33%	-17%
INDIAN RIVER	1%	-19%	27%	-7%	WAKULLA	-16%	-67%	32%	-37%
JACKSON	-44%	-39%	33%	-31%	WALTON	30%	11%	68%	30%
JEFFERSON ¹	-10%	-42%	17%	-18%	WASHINGTON ¹	-25%	-3%	-59%	-27%
LAFAYETTE ¹	-100%	-75%	-55%	-72%	(OUT OF STATE)	-61%	-31%	-46%	-44%

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